



Commune Concilium tenet in Camera Guibaldi London, Die Martis Quinto Die Junij, 1694. Annoque Regni Domini Willielmi & Dominae Mariae, nunc Regis & Reginae Angliae, &c. Sexto, coram Willielmo Ashburs, Mil', Majore dictae Civitatis, Roberto Clayton, Mil', Patience Ward, Mil', Johanne Moor, Mil', Thoma Stampe, Mil', Salathiel Lovel, Mil', Servien ad Legem ac Recordat' dictae Civitatis; Thoma Lane, Mil', Edvardo Clarke, Mil', Humphrydo Edwyn, Mil', Ricardo Levett, Mil', Josepho Smart, Mil', Alderman & Thoma Abney, Mil', & Willielmo Hedges, Mil', Vic' & Alderman dictae Civitatis, necnon majore parte Communiariorum dictae Civitatis in eodem Coi' Concil' tunc & ibidem assemblat'.

This Day the following Act pass'd into an Act of this Court.



**M**Y E R E A S by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, amongst other Things, it is Enacted, Ordained, and Declared, That all Pedlars and petty Chapmen, wandring Abroad, shall be taken, adjudged, and deemed Rogues and sturdy Beggars, and shall be taken, and apprehended, and stripped naked from the Middle upwards, and be openly whipped, untill his or her Body be Bloody; and shall be further dealt with, as in and by the said Laws and Statutes is directed and appointed. And whereas also great Numbers of Vagrant and Idle Persons, both Men and Women, either unsettled and having no Habitations, or wandring and roving from the Places of their Abode and Habitations, do daily resort to this City and Liberties thereof, as Pedlars and petty Chapmen, wandring up and down, selling or offering to Sale divers Sorts and Kinds of small Wares and other Goods and Merchandizes, contrary to, and in Contempt of the said good and wholesome Laws and Statutes; and also contrary to the Welfare and good Government of this City, and to the manifest Loss, Damage, and Detriment of the honest and Industrious Shopkeepers, Tradesmen, and Inhabitants thereof. For Prevention whereof for the time to come, and for the better and more effectual repressing the Mischiefes aforesaid: Be it Enacted and Ordained, and it is hereby Enacted and Ordained, by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, the Right Worshipful the Aldermen his Brethren,

Brethren, and the Commons in Common-Council assembled, That the said Statutes shall from henceforth be strictly and duly put in Execution against all such Offenders, within this City and the Liberties thereof; and to that End and Purpose, that all Constables and other inferior Officers, within this City and the Liberties thereof, shall seize, take, and apprehend all such Vagrant and wandring Persons, going and wandring about within this City and the Liberties thereof, or any of the Streets, Lanes, Allies, Passages, or Places within the same, selling or exposing to Sale, any manner of Wares or Commodities whatsoever, and carry such Offender or Offenders before some or one of their Majesties Justices of the Peace for the time being, within this City and the Liberties thereof, to be proceeded against as by the said Statutes is directed and appointed. And that in Case any Constable or other inferior Officer shall wilfully neglect or refuse to do and perform his Duty therein, that then, and in such Case, the Penalty of 20 s. for every such Offence shall be levied upon him so offending. And further, that the Sum of five Pounds shall be required, levied, and received of, and upon every Person and Persons, who shall let or hinder the due Execution of the said Laws and Statutes, as by the said Laws and Statutes is also Enacted and Ordained. And whereas also by the ancient and laudable Customs of this City, no Wares, Goods, or Merchandizes whatsoever ought to be bought, or sold, or exposed to Sale, within this City and the Liberties thereof, (save only in publick Markets, or in open Shops, or Warehouses kept and used for that Purpose, and Fairs) during the time of such Markets and Fairs only: Yet, nevertheless, divers and sundry lewd, idle and disorderly Persons lodging or living within the said City and the Liberties thereof, or near Neighbourhoods or Places thereunto adjoining, do frequently Sell and expose to Sale divers Goods, Wares, and Merchandizes, as Hawkers and petty Chapmen going and wandring in the Streets, Lanes, Allies, and other Places thereof, from house to house, and from Door to Door, contrary to the said laudable and profitable Customs of this City; by Reason whereof the Citizens, Shopkeepers and Inhabitants of the said City are not only greatly hindered and prejudiced in their Trades and Occupations, but also many of their Majesties good Subjects inhabiting and residing within the said City and the Liberties thereof, and others resorting thereunto, are frequently cheated, defrauded, and abused, in buying bad and deceitful Wares and Commodities of them. For Prevention whereof for the time to come, and for the better and more effectual putting in Execution the said ancient and laudable Customs of this City against such Offenders, as aforesaid: Be it further Enacted and Ordained, and it is hereby Enacted and Ordained by the said Lord Mayor, the said Aldermen his Brethren, and the said Commons in Common-Council assembled, That from and after the first Day of August now next ensuing, no Person or Persons whatsoever shall Sell or expose to Sale, any Goods, Wares, or Merchandizes, in any Street, Lane, Publick Passage, Tavern, Inn, Alehouse, Coffee-house, or other Publick Place within this City and Liberties thereof, unless it be in open Markets, appointed, used, and accustomed for the vending thereof, or in Common and Publick Fairs, during the time of such Markets and Fairs, upon pain to pay and forfeit the Sum of Forty Shillings for every Offence by him, her, or them committed, contrary thereto: And that no Person or Persons, within this City or the Liberties thereof, shall buy any such Wares, Goods, or Commodities so exposed

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(by such Person or Persons) to Sale, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning hereof, upon Pain to pay and forfeit for every Offence by him, her, or them committed, contrary hereunto, the like Sum of Forty Shillings: And for the better Prevention of the said Mischiefs for the future, it is hereby further Enacted and Ordained, That no Keeper or Keepers of any Tavern, Inn, Alehouse, Coffee-house, or other Publick or Private House whatsoever, within this City or the Liberties thereof, shall permitt or suffer any such Hawker, or wandring Pedler, or petty Chapman in his, her, or their House or Houses, Shop or Shops, or other Place or Places belonging to him, her, or them, to sell or expose to Sale any small Wares, or other Goods, or Merchandizes, contrary to the true Intent and Meaning of this present Law: And that in Case any such Keeper of any Tavern, Inn, Alehouse, Coffee-house, or other Publick or Private House, within this City or the Liberties thereof, shall offend therein, that then, and in every such Case, every such Person and Persons so offending, shall, for every such Offence, lose, forfeit, and pay the Sum of Forty Shillings of Lawfull English Money: And it is further Enacted and Ordained, That for the better putting in Execution the Laws and Statutes of this Realm, a good and sufficient Whipping-Post, and also a good and sufficient Pair of Stocks, at, or before the said first Day of August, shall be made, provided, and set up (if not already done) in some convenient and publick Place, in every respective Ward within this City; and shall from time to time be kept in good and sufficient Repair, at the Costs and Charges of the severall and respective Wards of this City: And hereby it is further Enacted and Ordained, by the Authority aforesaid, That all and every of the Forfeitures, Penalties, and Sums of Money forfeited, and to be paid by Force and Virtue of this present Act as aforesaid, shall, and may be sued for, and recovered by Action or Actions of Debt, to be brought and prosecuted in the Name of the Chamberlain of this City for the time being, in any of their Majesties Courts of Record within this City, where Actions of Debt may be brought; and that the Sum or Sums so recovered, (the Costs of such Suit being first deducted) shall be disposed of as follows, viz. one Moiety to the Use of the Mayor, and Commonalty, and Citizens of this City; and the other Moiety to him or them, that shall and will first discover and sue for the same, according to the ancient Custom of this City in that Behalf.

Provided always nevertheless, that this present Act, or any thing therein contained, shall not extend to, or be construed, or taken to hinder or prevent any Maker or Makers of any Stuffs, Silks, Wares, or Goods whatsoever from carrying or causing to be carried about, any such Goods by him or them so made, to sell or expose to Sale to any of the Inhabitants, Freemen of this City or Liberties thereof, exercising the Trades of selling and uttering by Retail or Wholesale, such respective Goods and Wares, who shall or may buy the same to sell again: Any thing in this present Act contained to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And whereas also divers good Acts have been heretofore made, and are still in Force to prevent the irregular and disorderly Selling or exposing to Sale, out of the Lawfull Markets, Fish, Fruit, Roots, Herbs and

and Plants, under several Penalties thereby: It is hereby declared and provided, That no new or further Penalty, imposed by this present Act, shall extend to any Person or Persons inhabiting in this City or the Liberties thereof, for selling or exposing to Sale any of the said Goods; or to prohibit any Person or Persons from buying the same; nor to any other Person or Persons whatsoever, who shall, at any time hereafter, sell or expose to Sale, any unbound Books, Almanacks, Gazettes, or Licenced Pamphlets, or Papers whatsoever. Provided also, that no Person shall be sued or prosecuted for any Penalty imposed by this Act, unless such Suit or Prosecution shall be commenced within the Space of one Month next after such Offence committed; Any thing in this Act to the contrary thereof notwithstanding.

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